# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# RAILWAYS
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3661
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RE STARTING TRAIN SERVICE
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Railways have any proposal to restart abandoned train service from Coimbatore to Rameshwaram and from Coimbatore to Tuticorin;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to be restored; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) to (c): At present, there is no proposal to re-start train service between Coimbatore and Rameswaram via Podanur, Pollachi section as part of this route has not been converted to Broad Gauge. Huge throwforward of ongoing projects and limited overall availability of funds precludes Railways to fix time line for projects.

However, at present, 16617/16618 Rameswaram-Coimbatore Express (weekly) via Erode- Tiruchchirappalli-Manamadurai and 16611/16612 Coimbatore-Tuticorin Link Express (daily) via Erode-Karur-Dindigul-Madurai service are available.